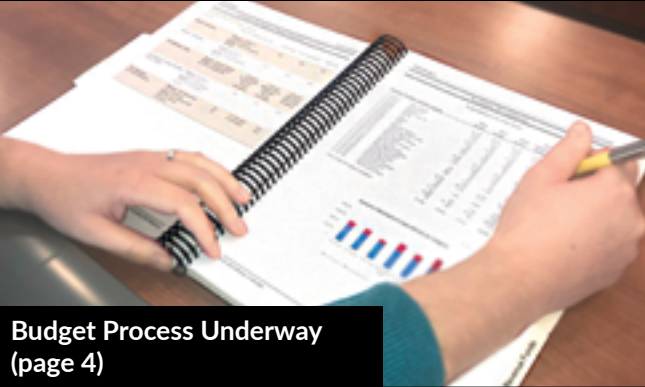


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Voters to Consider Directly-Elected Mayor in November

Littleton voters will decide this fall if citizens should directly elect the mayor or stay with the current charter requirement that the mayor be elected by its peers on the city council. The mail ballot election is November 3.

If approved, the mayoral position would be directly elected by the registered voters during a general municipal election, starting in 2021. There would be no change to the powers or role of the mayor. A seated council member with additional remaining years on their term would be required to give up their seat to run for mayor. Any seated council member who runs for mayor must notify the city clerk by July 1 of that election year in order to inform candidates of the vacancy. Additionally, the direct-elect mayor position would have a four-year term, replacing the two-year runner-up at large seat. Littleton would remain a council/manager form of government.

Littleton is the 21st largest city in Colorado and of the top 25, only Littleton, Grand Junction and Englewood require council to elect the mayor from among its members.

Below is the language that will appear on the ballot:

✓	REFERRED BALLOT QUESTION 3A
	SHALL THERE BE AN AMENDMENT TO LITTLETON CITY CHARTER SECTIONS 19, 22, AND 24 REQUIRING THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL POSITIONS TO BE ELECTED BY THE VOTERS FOR 4-YEAR TERMS?
	YES NO

Retail Marijuana to Appear on November Ballot

A citizen initiative gathered enough signatures to qualify for the November ballot that, if approved, would allow existing medical marijuana center licensees in the City of Littleton to sell retail marijuana on and after January 1, 2021.

More than 7,200 signatures were submitted July 13 and the city clerk verified August 4 that there were more than enough valid signatures by registered electors. The city code currently allows four medical marijuana licenses. The city’s current sales tax is 3 percent. Voters approved an additional three-percent tax on retail marijuana sales in 2013. The city would also receive a portion of the state tax of 1.5 percent. This is a total sales tax equivalent of 7.5 percent to the city should retail marijuana be permitted.

Below is the language that will appear on the ballot:

✓	INITIATED BALLOT QUESTION 300
	SHALL EXISTING MEDICAL MARIJUANA CENTER LICENSEES IN THE CITY OF LITTLETON BE PERMITTED TO SELL RETAIL MARIJUANA ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021?
	YES NO

ELECTION INFORMATION

- Important dates for the General Election:
- October 9** - Counties will start mailing ballots to all registered electors.
 - October 9** - 24-hour ballot drop-off locations open.
 - October 26** - Last day a voter may request a ballot be sent by mail.
 - November 3** - General Election Day.
- Ballots may be returned by mail, with postage, and must be received by 7 p.m. on November 3. Ballot drop off locations and Voter Service and Polling Centers are listed by county. For information on locations go to:
- arapahoevotes.com
douglasvotes.com
jeffco.us/elections

Envision Littleton Update

Envision Littleton continues this fall with the top priority identified in the Comprehensive Plan to update the city’s regulatory framework and transition to a Unified Land Use Code. The city currently has antiquated zoning which segregates land uses to certain parts of the city and hasn’t been updated holistically since the 1970s.

In April, city council decided to pursue a second set of amendments (Phase II) of the current title 10 relative to downtown development to serve as an interim step before the completion of the Unified Land Use Code in October 2021.

Phase II amendments to Title 10 are scheduled for a city council public hearing on October 6, 2020. On August 24, the Historical Preservation Board (HPB) held a public hearing and unanimously found the proposed Phase II Amendments relative to Downtown Littleton consistent with the vision, goals, and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and recommended city council approve them with three conditions. On August

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31, the Planning Commission held a public hearing and voted 6-1 to recommend the amended Title 10 to city council for approval with four conditions.

Included in the amended Title 10 is the delivery of the character-based approach to zoning as adopted in the Comprehensive Plan and much more robust regulations on green-scaping, tree protection, lighting, and signage for downtown. The amended Title 10 also introduces four-character areas: Downtown Neighborhood (DNR), Downtown Main Street (DMS), Downtown Transition (DTA), and Downtown Mixed Use (DMU).

Learn more about the amended Title 10, the Unified Land Use Code, and the next Envision Studio on November 9 to discuss key corridors in the city by visiting EnvisionLittleton.org.

See an Issue? SeeClickFix it!

The City of Littleton has launched an updated dashboard to track issues and requests by citizens.

Littleton is revising the “SeeClickFix” app that many residents are already familiar with. This app allows residents to identify an issue and report it quickly and directly to the city. From potholes to graffiti and much more, the city works hard to maintain and improve Littleton’s infrastructure, and input from residents is extremely valuable.

The new updated app includes enhancements as well as security patches. Go to the App Store or Google Play and download the latest “SeeClickFix” app. The former app, “Click & Fix Littleton,” is no longer supported. For more information visit the city’s SeeClickFix web page at littletongov.org/see-click-fix.



City of Littleton Staff Reduction

Following extensive deliberation, City Manager Mark Relph made the difficult decision to lay-off six employees, effective August 7, 2020. Five work at the Littleton Museum or Bemis Library, and one in Human Resources. Although city leadership worked diligently to retain all positions, a combination of public health orders that continue to limit the number of employees allowed inside buildings, and budget impacts from COVID-19, made this outcome unavoidable. Due to 17 employees opting to accept an early retirement program offer, additional layoffs were averted. Two previously furloughed employees will convert to temporary status to help complete short-term projects. Should public health orders and the financial outlook improve, the positions could be restored. If that occurs, the laid-off employees will have first right as specified in city policy. Except for three transportation drivers, the remaining employees who were furloughed in April, have been recalled to their positions.

Senior Refund

The last date to turn in an Application for a Senior Property Tax Refund is October 31. To request an application or for any other questions call 303-795-3764.

More Intersection Safety Work

Littleton Public Works staff is kicking off a couple of new projects focused on safety improvements at intersections around the city. A total of 11 intersections with varying degrees of enhancements from a few minor modifications to full intersection rebuilds will be designed over the next six to nine months, and then constructed later in 2021 and 2022. Two Platte Canyon Road intersections at Mineral Avenue and Bowles Avenue will be redesigned thanks to a \$1.75 million grant through a combination of the Colorado Department of Transportation’s (CDOT) Funding Advancements for Surface Transportation and Economic Recovery Act of 2009 (FASTER) program, and Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP). This grant will cover the complete funding for the project.

The two intersections along Platte Canyon Road were identified with safety and operational concerns by a task force consisting of CDOT, Arapahoe and Jefferson Counties, the Town of Columbine Valley, the City of Littleton and the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG). Littleton hired Apex Design, LLC to conduct a complete evaluation of the traffic operations, pedestrian and bicycle connectivity, transit accessibility, and signal equipment at both locations. This process will ensure a design that provides a safer environment for pedestrians and bicyclists utilizing the Columbine and Mineral Trails, while managing vehicle conflicts and accounting for high-volume movements. The grant will pay for the design, any additional right-of-way necessary, and construction of these intersection improvements.

Nine intersections will be evaluated for signal equipment and safety improvements as part of a city signal design project. Littleton hired a consultant in 2019 to conduct an in-depth evaluation of the over 200 traffic signal poles located throughout the city, which identified the varying condition of the infrastructure at the city’s more than 60 signalized intersections. The findings established a priority replacement of deficient poles at the nine most critical intersections, which will be designed and constructed over the next couple of years. As a part of this design process, the city hired Michael Baker International to identify any other signal equipment that requires updating at these locations, any safety improvements, and the method by which to replace the poles. The funding for this design and construction will be provided through the city’s Capital Improvement Program.



Santa Fe Drive Planning Continues

The City of Littleton is partnering with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) and other agencies to address issues along Santa Fe Drive. The US 85 (Santa Fe Drive) Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study to investigate the segment of Santa Fe Drive from C470 to Alameda Avenue is now in month four of the expected 18-month process. This CDOT led project is supported by a coalition of municipalities consisting of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, along with the cities of Sheridan, Englewood, Denver and Littleton. The project consulting team is comprised of HDR and David Evans & Associates, along with a robust supporting list of subconsultants. The PEL Study is managed by the coalition of agencies participating on multiple committees and tasks forces. The City of Littleton has dedicated extensive staff resources for involvement on the many areas of committee focus. These committees will work to facilitate reasonable, feasible recommendations to transportation improvements for the future of the Santa Fe Drive corridor.

The project team has completed all of the project set up and investigatory work. A charter agreement was established and signed by all of the jurisdictions to provide a cooperative goal of what will be achieved by the PEL Study. In addition, a plan and approach to the project was developed to set lofty but realistic expectations. All of the existing data and information has been compiled for the corridor, including traffic and safety conditions, environmental preservations, infrastructure obstacles, and multimodal accommodations, all of which were summarized in an extensive Corridor Conditions Report. From these findings a no-action alternative was documented as a baseline for what will happen with the corridor if no modifications or improvements are made. Criteria are being developed by which future alternatives will be compared in order to identify the best approach for the corridor moving forward.

As an important part of the information gathering, a list of key stakeholders in the form of government representatives, special interest groups, business owners and more, were interviewed to gather a clear understanding of how the corridor came to be and critical visioning for the future. As the project moves forward, the process of engaging the community will begin. This consultation will be achieved through many forms of outreach; however, with the current social distancing requirements, the project team plans to utilize virtual meetings, questionnaires, social media campaigns, and local news. Additionally, communication outlets will be leveraged through stakeholders who were interviewed and community ambassadors. If conditions start to open up, the project team will go out into the public, such as hosting an event at an accessible facility along the corridor.

Meanwhile, information on the US 85 PEL Study can be found through the project website: www.codot.gov/projects/santa-fe-pel, by calling the project hotline at 303-524-8386, by sending an email to santafepel@gmail.com, or by reaching out to one of the Littleton staff representatives. Look for more information in the coming months on this important project and plan to be involved in the community engagement to help establish the future of Santa Fe Drive.



Federal Re-opens at Bowles Intersection

The recent safety improvements that were constructed at the intersection of Federal Boulevard and Bowles Avenue have been completed and all movements at the intersection are once again open to traffic. As one of the highest accident intersections in the city, the reconfiguration project focused on safety improvements. The following modifications were included in an attempt to reduce vehicle crashes and the exposure of pedestrians and bicycles to traffic:

- Channelized the Federal Boulevard southbound right turn lane, creating a raised crossing to the median island in order to prioritize the pedestrian movement.
- Realigned the trail approach in Bowles Grove Park in the northwest corner for better visibility between trail users and oncoming traffic.
- Removed a portion of the center median along Federal Boulevard in order to realign the southbound approach providing improved driver visibility and shortening the pedestrian crossing.
- Shortened the crosswalk across Bowles Avenue on the west side of the intersection, eliminated the crosswalk on the east side to reduce pedestrian exposure to vehicles, and removed the conflict with the southbound dual left turn movement.
- Extended the Bowles Avenue eastbound left turn lane storage and changed the phasing to only allow left turns on a green arrow to eliminate conflicts with the pedestrian crosswalk across Federal Boulevard. However, a flashing yellow arrow was also provided to allow this left-turn movement to proceed when clear during low volume and trail use periods of the day.
- Upgraded the intersection design to be ADA compliant in order to better assist physically challenged users for a safer experience.

In addition to improving safety, the city seized the opportunity to also update deficient equipment by coordinating with the contractor, KECI Colorado, Inc., to incorporate the removal and replacement of the traffic signal pole in the northwest corner of the intersection. By including this work with the already planned project, the new pole was able to be installed at a significant cost savings and while street closures were already in place to avoid additional future impacts to traffic operations.

This project was made possible thanks to Littleton voters who in 2018, approved the use of TABOR funds for these intersection improvements. Thank you to the Littleton community for recognizing the benefits this funding afforded the city in completing this important safety work.

Construction on C-470 Sound Wall

Work has begun on a new 2,600-foot sound wall designed to deflect noise along C470 from Lucent Boulevard westbound to Santa Fe Drive.

The \$3.5 million project also includes C470 trail work between Santa Fe Drive and Wadsworth Boulevard. The concrete will be removed, the trail regraded and new concrete poured. A new pedestrian rail will also be installed.

The C470 project will conclude with improvements to the I-25 ramp onto C470 with 288 tons of mill and fill, which will be placed in the three travel lanes. The project is scheduled for completion in October.



Tri-County Health Department Business Reopening Task Force

Tri-County Health Department's (TCHD) Business Re-opening Task Force supports businesses as they re-open slowly and safely. The Task Force is comprised of four members overseen by TCHD's Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Manager. Businesses can join the task force virtually every Friday at 9:30 a.m. and a Spanish translation is available. During each session there will be information about the latest Colorado health order, navigating the changing requirements, and access to resources. The Task Force can be reached via email or phone at covidbusiness-recovery@tchd.org and 720-713-6030. To register online visit their Meeting Registration web page.



Budget Award

For the 13th consecutive year, the City of Littleton is the recipient of the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This notable accomplishment reflects the commitment of the city staff in meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

Residents Rank Quality of Life Higher than National and Front Range Benchmarks



Quality of life remains high for both residents and businesses according to the results of the 2020 Resident and Business Surveys. Ninety-two percent of residents and 88 percent of businesses say the overall quality of life in Littleton is excellent or good. Ninety-three percent of residents say Littleton as a place to live is also excellent or good. The top three reasons residents like living in Littleton are: the location, feeling safe and liking their neighborhoods.

Mobility remains a concern for both residents and the business community as is reported in cities across the front range due to Colorado's explosive population growth. Sixty-one percent of residents said traffic is the most pressing issue facing Littleton in the next two years while 68% of businesses say traffic congestion is a major or moderate problem. Satisfaction with parking in Downtown Littleton has declined from 37 percent in 2012 to 21 percent in 2020.

Residents place a high priority on maintaining and improving city infrastructure with 87 percent saying that it is essential or very important, and 25 percent saying this is the most important future project. Since 2016, residents continue to say they support a sales tax increase dedicated to improvements to city infrastructure.

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Veterans Day

On Monday, November 11 at 11 a.m.
come and honor all who served at the
City of Littleton WWII Memorial



The Littleton VFW Post 4666 and the American Legion Post 103 will jointly observe Veterans Day honoring all armed services. The ceremony will feature the El Jebel Shrine Pipe Band, remarks by Littleton Mayor Jerry Valdes, and the Littleton United Methodist Church Choir. All veterans, family, friends and the public are welcome to attend.

2021 Budget “Stay the Course”

The City of Littleton Leadership Team has been working on the 2021 Proposed Budget since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The city was required to react quickly and strategically to address the immediate loss of revenues in 2020 while trying to understand the potential impacts in 2021. Staff began identifying structural changes within departments to address the economic impact. This provided the foundation for development of the 2021 budget. Departmental discussions were held in July and August and three budget meetings were scheduled for September 8, 9 and 24.

The council considered nine policy questions (several of which are under a “budget proviso” - requiring further definition of scope before it can proceed) including funding for continuation of Envision Littleton efforts as well as revising city codes to align with the Comprehensive and Transportation Master Plans and create a Unified Land Use Code. Other policy questions include an increase in employee compensation to maintain competitiveness in the market, funding for polling and public education on potential 2021 ballot questions, and funding for the Omnibus program. Funding for park investments are on hold until South Suburban Parks and Recreation is able to confirm its ability to partner on projects.

The fiscally constrained Five-Year Capital Projects Fund continues to show little to no funding available for larger transportation investments, deferred fleet and information technology replacements, and little investment in public buildings. This is not sustainable and will lead to much higher costs in future years as deferred maintenance will cause higher replacement costs. The 2021 final budget will be considered by council October 6 for first reading, and October 15 for a public hearing and second reading. Citizens are invited to view and provide feedback to council at the public hearing. The Proposed 2021 Budget is available on the city’s website at www.littletongov.org/budget.



Denver Water Line Replacement on Elati

Denver Water will replace water lines along South Elati Street from West Shepperd Avenue to South Elati Way, and along South Elati Way from South Elati Street to West Littleton Boulevard. Due to the age of the homes along this project, Denver Water does not anticipate finding lead service lines. However, they will consult with each property owner to confirm the service line material and if non-copper service lines are found, they will be replaced.

Arapahoe County Open Space Grants Awarded to Littleton

The City of Littleton was awarded grant funding from Arapahoe County Open Spaces for three separate projects. Funding for the Superchi Parcel at Reynolds Landing Park was awarded in the amount of \$90,000. Funding for the Slaughterhouse Gulch Trail Connection has been approved in the amount of \$253,564, and funding for the Jackass Gulch Restoration and Stabilization Design has been approved in the amount of \$97,110.

Arapahoe County Open Spaces works to preserve natural and heritage areas, enhance neighborhood and regional parks, and build and maintain trails. Since its inception, the program has built more than 73 miles of new trails, supported more than 160 parks and trailhead projects, and conserved more than 31,000 acres of open space.

City Awards More Than \$800,000 in CARES Act Funds

On September 2, the City of Littleton completed the review of applications for the Littleton CARES – Business Recovery Grant, and the Littleton CARES – Non-Profit Assistance Grant. This was the third round of economic relief, preceded by Phase I and Phase II of the Littleton Business Recovery Grant with awards of \$275,000. Total awards for all three phases equal \$811,000.

Applications were open August 11-17. Funding for the Littleton CARES – Business Recovery Grant was \$375,000 with individual awards of up to \$30,000 possible. Applications meeting eligibility totaled \$562,812.58. An unbiased weighted scoring system was applied to determine the final awards. Details can be found at littletongov.org/CARESActGrants.

Funding for the Littleton CARES – Non-Profit Assistance Grant was \$200,000 with individual awards of up to \$10,000 possible. Applications meeting the eligibility requirements totaled \$161,000, leaving a balance of \$39,000. The Littleton City Council reviewed the CARES Act on September 24 to discuss the remaining non-profit fund balance. The list of awardees can be found at littletongov.org/CARESActGrants.



Keep Sewers Clean

The city owns and maintains about 120 miles of sanitary sewer pipe. This extensive municipal pipe system is designed to carry wastewater away from individual buildings to the South Platte Water Renew treatment plant in Englewood. There, the water is treated before it’s discharged into the South Platte River. When items such as disposable wipes, diapers, and feminine products are flushed down the toilet, sewer blockages can occur which leads to costly maintenance and possibly a backup of sewage into homes or businesses. Excessive amounts of cooking grease can also cause blockages in the sewer.

What you can do:

- Never pour grease down the drain.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Place a strainer on the kitchen sink drain to catch scraps that can then be put in the trash.
- Limit flushing of “disposable” wipes and feminine hygiene products.

The city is proactive in maintaining the sanitary sewer system to repair aging pipes and to minimize the occurrence of blockages. As part of this maintenance program, the city has invested in televising equipment that can quickly investigate problems and locate the cause of blockages, and a jetting machine which generates a high-pressure water stream to efficiently clean sewer pipes and dislodge obstructions. The continued success of this program depends not only on the hard work of the Public Works Utilities Division personnel, but also on the important role that all Littleton residents play by not disposing of improper items into the sanitary sewer system. For more information, visit southplatterenewco.gov.

Flood Insurance Rate Maps Updated



The Mile High Flood District (MHFD) worked with local governments and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to revise portions of Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for parts of Arapahoe and Douglas Counties, and the City and County of Denver. The MHFD and the local governments produced updated Flood Hazard Area Delineation studies to identify natural and man-made changes affecting flood risk. These studies revised information along Happy Canyon Creek, Badger Gulch, Green Acres Tributary, Senac Creek, Toll Gate Creek, East Toll Gate Creek, West Toll Gate Creek, Unnamed Creek, Cherry Creek, Little’s Creek, and Marston Lake North Drainage-way.

The communities impacted by this study include: Littleton, Aurora, Centennial, Denver, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Lone Tree, the Town of Parker, and portions of unincorporated Arapahoe and Douglas Counties.

For more information on how MHFD partners with local governments and FEMA to incorporate local knowledge of flood risk, visit their Foodplain Management web page at mhfd.org/services/floodplain-management/. The revised FIRMs became effective September 4, 2020.



COVID-19 Testing

COVID-19 testing is essential for identifying and tracking cases and outbreaks quickly while also providing treatment options and isolation to prevent spread. The State of Colorado continues to partner with local communities as a targeted approach to tackling the pandemic, especially in areas with higher incidences of the virus.

A COVID-19 testing center is open for Arapahoe County residents at the Aurora Sports Park, located at 19300 East Colfax Avenue. The testing is free and available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week. For more information visit the Tri-County Health Department website at tchd.org.

COVID-19 testing is also available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Park, located at 5098 South Windermere Street. Preregistration is recommended by texting COVID to 720-902-6398 or by visiting the STRIDE Community Health Center website at stride.mycareplan.health. Bring a photo ID, insurance card and confirmation number on the day of testing.



South Suburban Parks and Recreation District News

Design Phase Begins for Three Parks

South Suburban Parks and Recreation (SSPR) is in the design phase for improvements to Berry, Ida and Southbridge parks. Look for playground options for all three parks, as well as shelter and ballfield upgrades at Southbridge Park. The traditional methods of input have changed, so keep an eye out for upcoming surveys on OpenLittleton.com.



South Platte Park Enchanted Forest

Hear ye, hear ye! Delight in the magic of nature by wandering back to a time of enchantment on October 24, from 3 to 5 p.m at South Platte Park. Experience the charms of fairies, music, tree life and animals on a fall afternoon. Live raptors from HawkQuest will greet guests throughout, and Renaissance performers will be sure to entertain. Costumes welcome as the easy walk is approximately 1.5 miles. Tickets are \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. For more information visit bit.ly/ssprdenchanted.

South Suburban Sports Complex Update

Progress is continuing on SSPR's new regional sports complex, located at 4810 East County Line Road. The exterior is complete and crews are working hard to finish the three sheets of ice, two basketball courts and two turf fields. The facility is expected to open in January 2021. For updates and an inside sneak peek, visit www.ssprd.org/sports-complex.

Leaf Recycling Returns

The cities of Littleton and Englewood are continuing their annual leaf-recycling program on Saturday, October 31 and Saturday, November 7. In the previous 27 years of the program, 36,500 cubic-yards of leaves have been recycled. There is no Littleton or Englewood residency requirement for the free leaf drop-off. Bring leaves in bags, trash cans or tarped loads. Residents with tree branches, shrubs or mixed loads of organic recyclables, as well as lawn service companies or other commercial ventures, will be charged fees of \$12 per cubic yard. The recycling location is at A1 Organics Mountain States, 2300 West Radcliffe Avenue in Sheridan. Vouchers for reduced-price landscape products will be provided. For more information call 303-795-3766.

Weekends on Main Returns Thru October

In partnership with the Historic Downtown Littleton Merchants Association (HDLM), and thanks to generous grants from the Colorado Department of Transportation and a local foundation, Weekends on Main returned in September and will continue every Friday at 5 p.m. to Saturday at 10 p.m. through the Halloween weekend.

More than a dozen restaurants and numerous retailers will participate including Grande Station, iN-Tea, Jake's Brew Bar, McKinner's Pizza Bar, The Alley, Jackass Hill Brewery, The Tavern, The Viewhouse Eatery, Bar & Rooftop; Palenque, Pho Real, Born 2 Bake, Curds Cheese & Nook Coffee, Ned Kelly's Irish Pub, La Vaca Meat Company, Maha Soul Yoga Studio, and Smokin Fins.

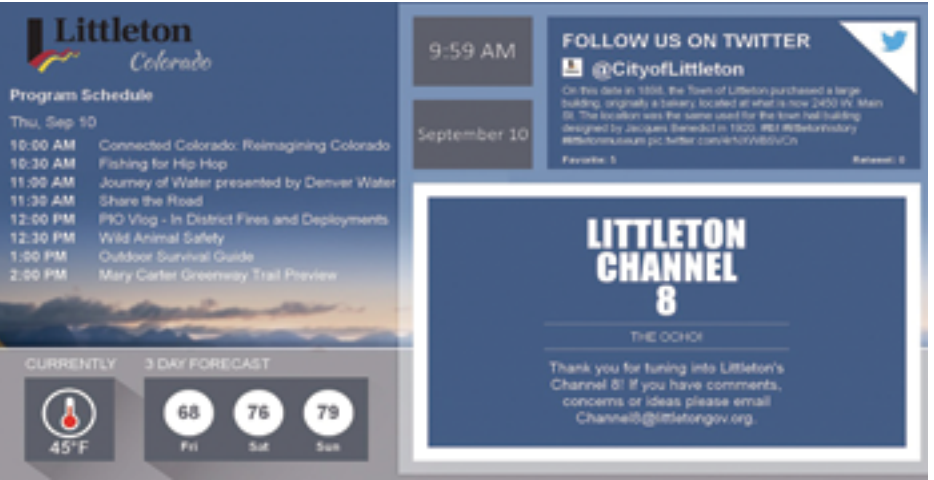
New for the fall edition of Weekends on Main will be more to see and hear including live music and artist demonstrations. Look for more special surprises over the next month by visiting the HDLM website at downtownlittleton.com or littletongov.org.

Masks and social distancing are required in compliance with public health orders.



Littleton Channel 8 Now in High-Definition

Beginning September 7, Littleton's government access channel now broadcasts in high definition to all Comcast Xfinity cable subscribers on channel 880. Although the city has provided high-definition content through its website since 2016, the city recently completed a new franchise agreement with Comcast that included the addition of a high-definition channel. This agreement ensures that the city will continue to provide the highest-quality content to citizens in crystal clear high definition. The city provides live coverage of city council and six other boards and commissions, as well as locally produced, award-winning content from the City of Littleton, South Metro Fire Rescue, Jefferson County Public Schools, as well as concerts from Red Rocks Amphitheater and Levitt Pavilion. Visit www.littletongov.org/channel8 to view the program schedule and watch live.



Volunteers Needed to Shop for Seniors

Low-risk volunteers are needed to provide grocery shopping for seniors during the COVID-19 crisis to keep them safe and reduce their exposure to the illness.

Volunteers need to have reliable transportation. Each volunteer will be paired with a senior and will schedule weekly grocery runs. For more information and how to get involved visit the Arapahoe County website at www.arapahoe.gov.



Harvest Festival at the Littleton Museum – Stay Tuned

Littleton Museum staff and the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum are working to re-envision the annual Harvest Festival for 2020. Stay tuned for more information!

Craft Fair Canceled

The health and safety of the community is the top priority for the Friends of the Littleton Library and Museum. To protect crafters, shoppers and staff, the Friends board made the difficult decision to cancel the Friends Craft Fair scheduled for October 3, in Ketring Park. In working closely with Tri-County Health, the Friends board realized that complying with requirements would be difficult including limiting attendance to 175 people at a time, maintaining social distance standards, creating a fenced perimeter, enforcing one-way traffic, increased sanitation, providing only contactless payment and more. Since 1971, the Friends Craft Fair has been a beloved Littleton tradition featuring more than 300 talented artisans and crafters, and the Friends look forward to hosting another wonderful fair in 2021.

Littleton Public Works Recognized

The City of Littleton Public Works Department received recognition from the American Public Works Association (APWA) Colorado Chapter. These awards recognize the work that is done by the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication. Art Duran is the Utilities Operations Supervisor for the City of Littleton and was named Professional Manager of the Year for water resources by the APWA. Duran and his team were recognized for the implementation of the Cartegraph asset management system. This system creates a complete repository of all the assets in the city by logging every sewer pipe and manhole to help manage, map and maintain this important network. This was a difficult but worthwhile project. Sewer crews are now current with technology needed for effectively managing the maintenance of the systems. “This project would not have been possible without the awesome team that I am a part of, if they were not all 100 percent in, this would not have happened,” said Duran.

Littleton also received recognition from the APWA for the development of the Transportation Master Plan under the Envision Littleton Comprehensive Plan.

Lease Littleton’s Historic Train Depot Building

The City of Littleton is seeking prospective tenants with a business proposition to lease the Denver & Rio Grande historic train depot. The depot is located next to the Downtown Littleton Light Rail Station at 5790 South Prince Street and offers 1,004 square feet. Any proposed use must be consistent with allowed uses permitted within the Central Area zone district. Questions or letters of interest must be sent to bids@littletongov.org by 5 p.m. on Friday, October 9



Littleton Museum Presents *Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region*

There is a lot to be excited about at the Littleton Museum for both in-person and virtual visits this fall. As Littleton is easing into the new season with the challenging summer in the rearview, the Littleton Museum hopes the community will find some respite visiting the exhibits and grounds while experiencing the historic and cultural resources the museum staff so proudly preserves and presents to visitors.

Vibrant Bounty: Chinese Folk Art from the Shaanxi Region invites visitors on a journey through Shaanxi Province, one of the cradles of Chinese civilization. The capital city, Xi’an, was once the eastern terminus of the Silk Road, and is famous for its ancient ruins, most notably the Mausoleum of Qin Shi Huang and his Terracotta Army. In an area outside of the city’s center lies Huxian (or Hu) County, where, since the 1950s, local artists have been producing objects similar to the 25 paintings and 14 objects found in *Vibrant Bounty*. This tradition has achieved great renown in China, culminating in the state Ministry of Culture awarding Huxian the honorary title of a “Village of Chinese Modern Folk Painting” in 1988.

The exhibit will be on display in the Fine Arts Gallery at the museum through Sunday, October 18. Reservations are still required for entry and can be made by calling 303-795-3950. Review important updated information at littletongov.org.

Town Hall Arts Center Presents *Almost Heaven* at Hudson Gardens

The Town Hall Arts Center announces the opening of the season with *Almost Heaven*, an uplifting work featuring the music of John Denver. With the safety of patrons and actors in mind, this production will take place outdoors in the Rose Garden at Hudson Gardens. The production will continue through October 11 with matinee and evening performances. Ticket will be sold in pods, 35 pods are available per show, and each pod will be socially distanced from other pods. Lawn chairs and blankets are welcome and masks are required. *Almost Heaven* weaves together fan-favorite John Denver songs to create a uniquely theatrical narrative that reflects upon the country during the late ‘60s and early ‘70s. Denver’s songs – including “Rocky Mountain High,” “Sunshine on my Shoulders,” “Leaving on a Jet Plane,” and more – are rediscovered and reinvented in this gorgeous musical tribute. Conceived by Harold Thau. Orchestrations, vocal arrangements, and music by Jeff Waxman. Directed by Nick Sugar. For more information including times and tickets visit townhallartscenter.org.

Town Hall Offers Classes for Aspiring Performers

Art comes to life through the Town Hall Arts Center (THAC) educational programs. Award-winning theatre professionals create engaging learning experiences for everyone – from the youngest, first-time performers, to local students studying Shakespeare, to seasoned actors wanting to evolve their craft. THAC has an education program for any student. Check out the spring and summer 2021 schedules, and visit townhallartscenter.org for the full THAC class schedule, pricing, and registration.



OPENING MAIN STAGE SHOW

UPDATE

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!

Almost Heaven

THE SONGS OF JOHN DENVER

September 11 – October 11, 2020

TICKETS: \$45



NEW LOCATION

THE HUDSON GARDENS & EVENT CENTER

6115 S. Santa Fe Drive, Littleton, CO 80120

townhallartscenter.org | 303.794.ARTS

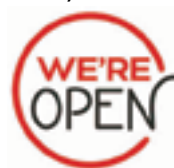
BEYOND BOOKS...

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT BEMIS LIBRARY?

Bemis Public Library | 6014 S. Datura Street | Littleton, CO 80120 | 303-795-3961 | Web Catalog: bemis.marmot.org

Bemis is Here to Help with...More Hours

Planning a visit to the library? Bemis has expanded its hours with measures in place to help protect the safety of staff and library patrons.



NEW EXPANDED HOURS

Monday–Friday: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
Closed: Sunday

Visitors are admitted on a first-come-first-served basis. Once building capacity of 75 is reached, a policy of one-out-one-in is implemented. Visitors are encouraged to limit their visit to two hours. Computer sessions are limited to 90 minutes per person per day. Visitors must wear a mask or face covering over the nose and mouth while visiting the library. Food and beverages are not permitted.

Homework Help

Need some homework assistance? Students and families will find resources and eBooks to support homework assignments or research projects on the Bemis Homework Help page. Educational resources and eBooks are available for students of all ages.



Online Learning with Udemy



Want to participate in an online course? Bemis offers an online professional learning platform called Udemy which contains over 4,000 courses. Udemy offers courses in MS Office, Adobe, cloud computing, design, development, coding and information technology; courses are also available in workplace skills such as finance, accounting, leadership and management, as well as personal development including art, creativity, health and fitness, language learning and stress management. Users of Udemy must be 18 years or older, have a registered Bemis library card and a Google or Microsoft email account.

Online ESL Classes*

Fall beginner and intermediate ESL classes are in session using Zoom and Google Classrooms. The 14-week session runs through December 17. The course fee is \$50 and can be paid in person during library hours or with credit/debit card by phone. Students can register and pay at any time during the semester.



• Beginner English

Daytime Class: Tuesday/Thursday 1–2:30 p.m.
 Evening class: Monday/Wednesday 6–8 p.m.

• Intermediate English

Daytime Class: Monday/Wednesday 1–2:30 p.m.

Curbside Pickup Service

Unable to visit the library? Bemis offers curbside pickup service on an as-needed basis during library open hours. Place items on hold using the library's online web catalog. When notified holds are available, call the library at 303-795-3961 to schedule a curbside pickup. Those who require special accommodations getting library materials to their car should inform the library when arranging a curbside pickup.



Online Chat Service

Have a question for a librarian? Chat with a librarian online Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–noon.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

One Book Colorado is a statewide effort to provide



every four-year-old in Colorado with a copy of the same book, helping to instill a love of reading in Colorado youngsters. To ensure school readiness, it is critical that preschoolers have frequent and routine access to books and that they be read to consistently. Stop by the Children's Room and request a copy anytime from **October 13–25** when new books will be distributed by Bemis to every four-year-old.

Colorado Classroom—At-home Learning

The Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Education Initiative are partnering with Rocky Mountain Public Media to provide K-3 students, their families and caregivers with direct-to-home remote lessons in literacy, science, art and math through *Colorado Classroom: Learn with Me at Home* which airs on Rocky Mountain PBS Channel 6. Bemis is pleased to join the partnership by offering access to lesson plans and worksheets for families that do not have internet capabilities. No library card is required to access the information. To request worksheets (in English or Spanish) which may be picked up in the Children's Room, families and caregivers can call 800-274-6666. For more information visit rmpbs.org/ColoradoClassroom.



Annual Costumes on Parade

October 29 and 30, 1 p.m.*

Show off a Halloween outfit and collect treats while maintaining social distance. Halloween fun outside on either day, weather permitting. For children of all ages. Space is limited. *Call or stop by the Children's Desk beginning Oct. 15 to register.



Take & Make Thanksgiving Craft Kit

Visit the Children's Room beginning **November 21** and pick up a package with directions and supplies to take home and make a fun Thanksgiving craft project. While supplies last.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Talk—Every Tuesday, 4–5:30 p.m.*

Stay connected, hang out and play games through weekly Zoom meetings.

VIRTUAL BOOK CLUBS

Find links to the books and discussion sessions for any virtual book club by going to the book club date in the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page bemis.marmot.org.

• Virtual Fiction Book Club

October 9, 1 p.m.

Welcome to Braggsville by T. Geronimo Johnson
November 6, 1 p.m.

We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler

• Virtual Nonfiction Book Club

October 14, 1 p.m.

Red Scarf Girl by Ji-li Jiang

November 18, 1 p.m.

Broke, USA: From Pawnshops to Poverty, Inc.

How the Working Poor Became Big Business by Gary Rivlin

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Senior Social Club

Thursdays in Oct. and Nov., 9:30–11:30 a.m.*

Stay connected with Thursday conference call chats. Join the call from a computer, smartphone, cell phone, or landline.

Think 360 Arts presents: Songwriting Workshop

October 1, 8, and 15, 2 p.m.*

Join lyricist Jenny Stafford for a three-session workshop on writing songs that strike a chord!

*Registration is required.

Immune Support 101—October 6, 2 p.m.*

Learn ways to ensure your body is ready to handle whatever comes its way during the winter months. Presented by Natural Grocers.

Board Games @ Home

October 8 and November 12, 5:30–8 p.m.

Play virtual board games together online at this family-friendly event. Open to all ages.



Colorado Ballot Issues with Active Minds

October 19, 2 p.m.*

Join Active Minds for an objective review of the issues on the Colorado ballot this fall.



Victorian Halloween—October 20, 2 p.m.*

The Molly Brown House Museum will explore the customs, decorations and costumes of Halloween in the Victorian era.

Virtual Art Workshop with the Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art—November 5, 2 p.m.*

BMoCA Educator Melinda Laz will present this video and interactive online workshop discussing BMoCA's Fall 2020 exhibition: *John Torreano: The Big Picture—Painting from The Universe*. Participants will be provided with art supplies to create their own project. *Registration is required.



Good4U Food on a Budget—November 10, 2 p.m.*

Discover how to maintain and support optimal health without breaking the bank. Learn tips and tools for using a meal planner, shopping and pantry lists and more. Presented by Natural Grocers.

History of Rock 'n Roll with Active Minds

November 16, 2 p.m.*

Active Minds will trace the roots of Rock 'n' Roll history and its cultural impact through the years.



Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts and Power of Attorney—November 17, 2 p.m.*

Planning for disability and death can provide peace of mind, reduce burdens for loved ones and help leave a legacy instead of a mess. Learn about powers of attorney, advance medical directives, wills and trusts.

***To register, participate, or join any of these programs go to the Virtual Events Calendar from the Bemis home page at bemis.marmot.org or call 303-795-3961.**



Come in We're
OPEN

COMMUNITY BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Disguises Halloween

Just in time for Halloween, a new store is open at Aspen Grove Shopping Center. Disguises is a nationally recognized, local favorite from Lakewood that now has a second location in Littleton. The store has a haunting collection of everything needed for Halloween fun. As the leading supplier of distinctive clothing, accessories, make-up, wigs, hats, gloves and more, it is a one-stop shop. It also has an impressive inventory of rental costumes and trained staff to offer personal assistance to every customer. Stop by the store or visit disguisescostumes.com for more information.



Rosey's Extraordinary Boutique Clothing and Outrageous Accessories

Rosey's is the newest boutique to come to the Aspen Grove Shopping Center, located at 7301 South Santa Fe Drive. It is a wonderful store for women of every age. Offering an array of unique styles with vibrant colors, this is the place to find one-of-a-kind designs. The shop carries fashion lines from all over the world, including Boho Chic, LA Fixsun and Surrealist.

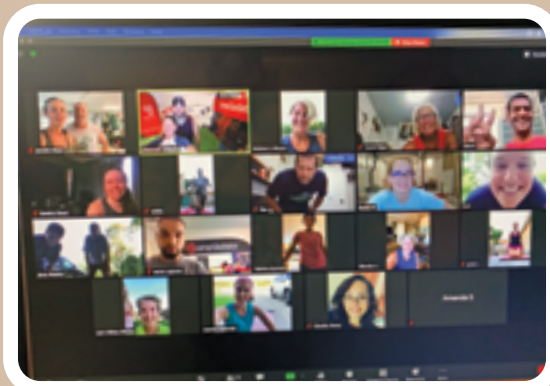
"To me, the world of fashion is different than it is to most of my counterparts because I believe you need fashion to accomplish your goals," said owner Rosey Shaw. "I firmly believe in dressing for success. People take you seriously and treat you differently when you're dressed for success, whether it be personal or professional," Shaw added. Stop by the shop or visit loveroseysstore.com for more information.



Camp Gladiator

Camp Gladiator puts the fun back into fitness. Camp Gladiator (CG) is the fastest growing fitness company in America and offers an award-winning program geared to maximize fitness goals and keep participants smiling.

CG is an outdoor adult fitness program for all levels. The workouts are run by local owner-operators who are certified personal trainers. Camp Gladiator's mission is to positively impact the physical fitness, and ultimately the lives, of as many people as possible. In keeping with that mission, CG is proud to offer an affordable option for training with personal trainers. For full access to outdoor and virtual workouts visit bit.ly/CGBDay9dollardeal or call 214-477-3554.



Toast Has a New Location

The same great taste and experience, but at a new location for Toast Fine Food and Coffee, the acclaimed breakfast restaurant. Diners can now find the morning staples and famous pancakes at 2630 West Belleview Avenue. Toast is open every day from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. and offers a complete lunch menu as well. For those who have not dined at Toast, the food is perfectly described by Jason Sheehan in *Westword* when he wrote, "As my pancake flight arrives, I imagine myself in the movie version of my life, snatching the plate from the waitress, wide eyed, gape mouthed, tossing my fork over my shoulder in slow motion, hair flying out behind me as I bury my face in the plate and eat while Eta James sings 'At Last.'" For more information call 303-797-9543 or visit toastygoodness.com.

